

Kings County Economic Forecast

Kings County is located in the San Joaquin Valley, bordering Kern County to the south, Fresno County to the north and west, and Tulare County to the east. The San Joaquin Valley is the second fastest growing regional economy in California (behind the Inland Empire). Kings County has a population of 144,730 people and 40,290 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income in the county is \$19,470, and the average salary per worker is \$41,810.

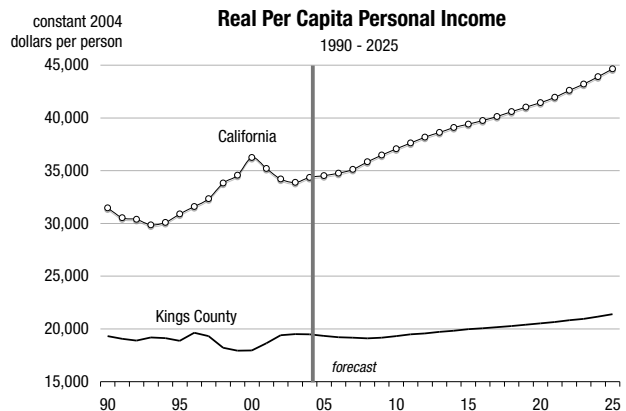
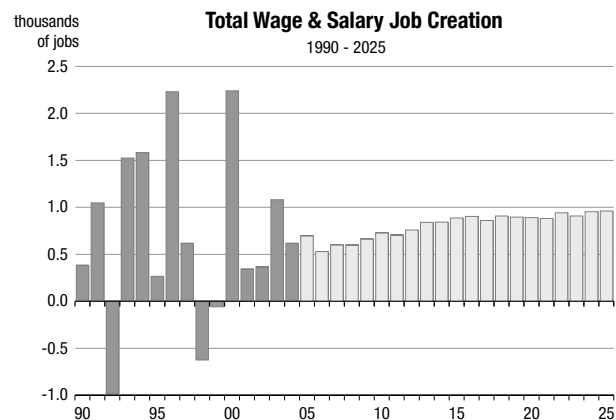
Employment growth in the greater Northern California region was stagnant in 2004, due primarily to the weak Bay Area labor market. While employment in the Bay Area fell another 1 percent last year, employment in the San Joaquin Valley grew by 1.5 percent. In 2004, almost 620 total wage and salary jobs were created in Kings County, representing a growth rate of 1.6 percent. Farm employment, which accounts for almost 18 percent of total employment, grew by 1.2 percent last year. The non-farm sector added 530 new jobs, representing a growth rate of 1.6 percent. The unemployment rate dropped to 11.0 percent in 2004.

The principal sectors that are producing jobs in Kings County are manufacturing, retail trade, professional services, leisure services, and government. The two largest sectors in the county are government and farm. The state penitentiaries in Avenal and Corcoran are the two largest employers in the county, with 1,376 and 2,031 jobs respectively at the two prisons. Combined, the correctional facilities have just over 12,000 inmates assigned.

The population grew in Kings County at a rate of 3.1 percent in 2004. The fastest growing cities in the county are Hanford and Lemoore, which grew 3.7 and 2.7 percent respectively, between January 2004 and January 2005. Hanford is the largest city in the county and is currently home to 48,070 residents.

Forecast Highlights

- Non-farm job growth is forecast to increase in 2005 to 2.1 percent. Job growth is expected to decline over the next five years, and will average 1.7 percent per year over that time period. Farm employment is forecast to increase slightly, averaging 0.5 percent per year over the next five years.
- Average salaries adjusted for inflation are currently below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. Inflation adjusted salaries are expected to rise an average of 0.8 percent per year over the next 5 years.
- Between 2005 and 2010, the momentum for employment growth is in professional services, manufacturing, leisure services, financial activities, and government. These sectors account for over 76 percent of all jobs created in the county over the next five years.

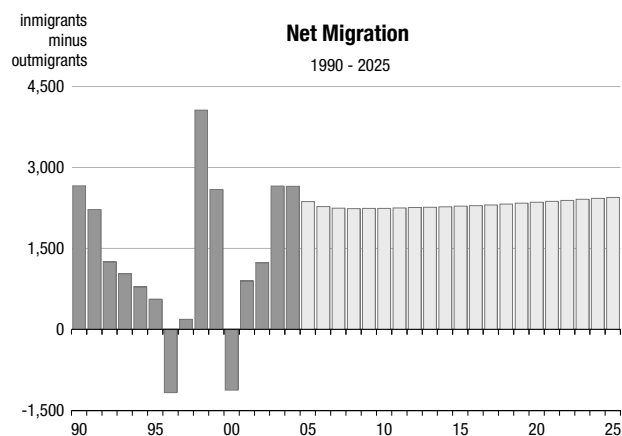
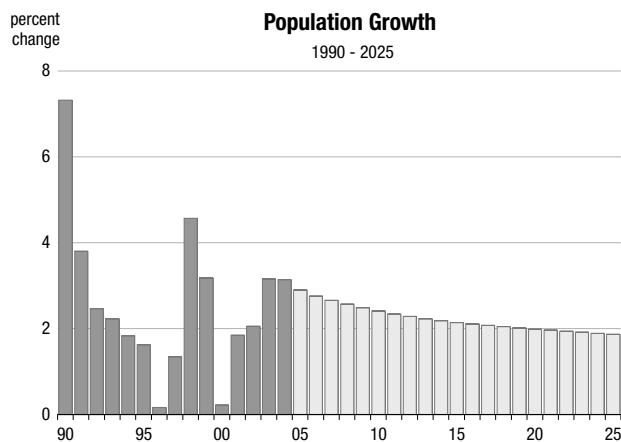


- The population in the county will continue to grow faster than the state average. Annual growth in the 2005 to 2010 period averages 2.6 percent per year. Average growth in the state during this same period is 1.5 percent per year.
- Net migration will average 2,370 people in 2005. Over the next five years migration is expected to average approximately 2,250 net migrants entering the county per year.
- Real per capita income is forecast to decline 0.7 percent in 2005. Over the next five years real per capita incomes are expected to remain flat.
- Industrial production is forecast to increase 4.9 percent in 2005. Over the next five years the growth rate of industrial production will increase, with total production rising 6.0 percent per year. Total crop production is expected to increase slightly, averaging 0.4 percent per year between 2005 and 2010.

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1995-2004 History, 2005-2025 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (billions)	Personal Income (billions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Inflation Rate (% change in CPI)	Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (billions)	Unemploy- ment Rate (percent)
1995	118,500	557	75.4	31.4	667	\$0.71	\$1.70	\$18,869	2.0	1,099	0.30	14.6
1996	118,700	-1,169	75.9	32.2	654	\$0.75	\$1.82	\$19,635	2.3	1,133	0.32	13.3
1997	120,300	187	71.6	32.6	783	\$0.74	\$1.87	\$19,315	3.4	1,099	0.34	13.3
1998	125,800	4,064	75.4	33.3	757	\$0.72	\$1.91	\$18,206	3.2	981	0.34	13.9
1999	129,800	2,594	78.2	34.4	493	\$0.80	\$2.02	\$17,929	4.2	1,039	0.37	13.2
2000	130,087	-1,120	81.2	34.6	443	\$0.89	\$2.12	\$17,959	4.5	978	0.40	10.2
2001	132,492	902	84.7	35.1	668	\$0.93	\$2.36	\$18,632	5.4	959	0.38	10.9
2002	135,218	1,239	89.3	35.2	699	\$0.98	\$2.55	\$19,389	1.6	1,054	0.40	11.9
2003	139,491	2,659	90.8	35.9	978	\$1.01	\$2.69	\$19,504	1.8	1,150	0.46	12.1
2004	143,876	2,654	97.7	36.6	849	\$1.07	\$2.80	\$19,473	1.2	1,205	0.50	11.0
2005	148,050	2,368	100.1	37.5	870	\$1.16	\$2.93	\$19,338	1.7	1,191	0.52	10.7
2006	152,136	2,275	102.8	38.4	900	\$1.23	\$3.08	\$19,198	2.7	1,181	0.54	10.9
2007	156,184	2,249	105.8	39.2	920	\$1.29	\$3.24	\$19,151	2.6	1,193	0.58	11.0
2008	160,205	2,240	108.8	40.1	939	\$1.34	\$3.40	\$19,101	2.6	1,184	0.61	10.9
2009	164,197	2,241	111.8	41.1	952	\$1.40	\$3.58	\$19,166	2.5	1,201	0.65	11.0
2010	168,162	2,245	114.9	42.0	964	\$1.47	\$3.80	\$19,313	2.7	1,212	0.69	11.0
2011	172,104	2,252	118.0	42.9	973	\$1.54	\$4.03	\$19,473	2.7	1,205	0.74	11.0
2012	176,035	2,258	121.0	43.9	979	\$1.61	\$4.27	\$19,574	2.8	1,203	0.78	10.9
2013	179,965	2,264	124.0	44.8	984	\$1.69	\$4.52	\$19,709	2.9	1,205	0.82	10.6
2014	183,899	2,273	126.9	45.8	990	\$1.78	\$4.79	\$19,818	2.9	1,201	0.87	10.6
2015	187,847	2,283	129.6	46.7	993	\$1.87	\$5.08	\$19,972	3.1	1,195	0.91	10.6
2016	191,814	2,294	132.5	47.7	996	\$1.96	\$5.37	\$20,062	3.0	1,191	0.96	10.6
2017	195,800	2,307	135.3	48.7	999	\$2.06	\$5.67	\$20,153	2.9	1,175	1.00	10.7
2018	199,815	2,323	137.9	49.6	1,000	\$2.15	\$5.98	\$20,260	2.7	1,175	1.06	10.8
2019	203,852	2,338	140.3	50.6	1,003	\$2.25	\$6.32	\$20,395	2.8	1,174	1.11	10.8
2020	207,909	2,356	142.5	51.6	1,005	\$2.35	\$6.66	\$20,520	2.7	1,170	1.17	10.7
2021	211,997	2,375	144.9	52.6	1,006	\$2.46	\$7.02	\$20,655	2.6	1,157	1.22	10.6
2022	216,116	2,392	147.2	53.5	1,008	\$2.58	\$7.41	\$20,813	2.6	1,158	1.26	10.6
2023	220,265	2,411	149.5	54.5	1,011	\$2.70	\$7.82	\$20,951	2.7	1,144	1.31	10.6
2024	224,438	2,429	151.6	55.5	1,013	\$2.83	\$8.26	\$21,151	2.7	1,146	1.36	10.5
2025	228,629	2,445	153.6	56.5	1,016	\$2.97	\$8.74	\$21,384	2.7	1,141	1.40	10.5



Kings County Employment Forecast

1995-2004 History, 2005-2025 Forecast

	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufac- turing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Financial Activities	Professional Services	Information	Health & Education	Leisure	Government
	employment (thousands of jobs)											
1995	33.5	7.84	0.90	3.18	0.58	4.25	0.80	0.96	0.29	3.04	2.18	8.9
1996	35.7	9.53	0.88	3.38	0.49	4.43	0.80	1.00	0.30	2.97	2.18	9.2
1997	36.3	9.38	0.88	3.63	0.47	4.51	0.80	0.96	0.35	2.90	2.23	9.6
1998	35.7	7.78	0.92	3.37	0.50	4.53	0.84	1.02	0.30	2.98	2.28	10.5
1999	35.6	6.89	1.02	3.53	0.54	4.49	0.90	1.16	0.30	2.87	2.21	11.1
2000	37.9	7.65	1.08	3.60	0.53	4.27	1.06	1.25	0.26	2.84	2.23	12.5
2001	38.2	7.03	1.17	3.47	0.58	4.08	1.28	1.23	0.29	2.97	2.25	13.2
2002	38.6	6.67	1.25	3.61	0.59	4.02	1.29	1.27	0.30	3.11	2.38	13.4
2003	39.7	7.08	1.25	3.79	0.60	4.20	1.32	1.26	0.30	3.30	2.48	13.4
2004	40.3	7.17	1.32	3.91	0.66	4.39	1.23	1.36	0.30	3.30	2.59	13.5
2005	41.0	7.16	1.35	4.03	0.68	4.62	1.26	1.41	0.29	3.30	2.67	13.7
2006	41.5	7.15	1.39	4.14	0.68	4.69	1.32	1.45	0.29	3.31	2.71	13.8
2007	42.1	7.20	1.43	4.23	0.69	4.72	1.39	1.51	0.29	3.29	2.76	14.0
2008	42.7	7.19	1.47	4.33	0.70	4.73	1.47	1.58	0.29	3.26	2.83	14.2
2009	43.4	7.26	1.51	4.44	0.71	4.75	1.53	1.65	0.29	3.24	2.89	14.5
2010	44.1	7.34	1.56	4.55	0.71	4.76	1.59	1.72	0.29	3.24	2.94	14.7
2011	44.8	7.37	1.61	4.67	0.72	4.77	1.62	1.80	0.29	3.27	2.99	15.0
2012	45.6	7.41	1.65	4.78	0.72	4.79	1.64	1.87	0.29	3.35	3.04	15.3
2013	46.4	7.45	1.70	4.88	0.73	4.80	1.70	1.94	0.29	3.47	3.08	15.6
2014	47.3	7.48	1.75	4.98	0.74	4.81	1.76	1.99	0.29	3.60	3.12	16.0
2015	48.2	7.50	1.80	5.07	0.74	4.83	1.84	2.04	0.29	3.75	3.17	16.3
2016	49.1	7.52	1.86	5.16	0.75	4.84	1.92	2.07	0.29	3.91	3.22	16.7
2017	49.9	7.49	1.91	5.26	0.75	4.85	2.00	2.10	0.29	4.06	3.27	17.1
2018	50.8	7.49	1.97	5.35	0.75	4.87	2.07	2.13	0.29	4.21	3.32	17.5
2019	51.7	7.50	2.03	5.45	0.76	4.88	2.14	2.16	0.29	4.36	3.36	17.9
2020	52.6	7.50	2.09	5.54	0.76	4.89	2.19	2.19	0.29	4.52	3.38	18.3
2021	53.5	7.46	2.15	5.63	0.76	4.90	2.25	2.22	0.29	4.70	3.40	18.8
2022	54.4	7.46	2.21	5.73	0.76	4.92	2.31	2.25	0.29	4.88	3.42	19.2
2023	55.4	7.41	2.27	5.83	0.77	4.93	2.37	2.27	0.29	5.06	3.44	19.7
2024	56.3	7.41	2.34	5.93	0.77	4.95	2.43	2.30	0.29	5.25	3.45	20.1
2025	57.3	7.40	2.40	6.03	0.77	4.97	2.47	2.33	0.29	5.46	3.47	20.6

